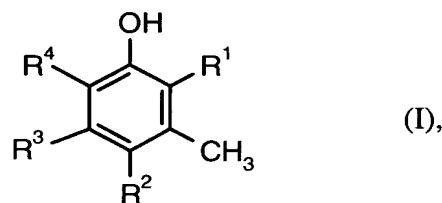


Method for the hydrodehalogenation of halogenated meta-cresols**Abstract**

The present process serves for the hydrodehalogenation of halogenated meta-cresols of the formula (I)



in which the R¹ to R⁴ radicals are each as defined in the description, and is characterized in that halogenated meta-cresols of the formula (I) are contacted with a catalyst which has been prepared by applying one or more salts of palladium and/or platinum and optionally copper salts to an aluminum oxide or titanium oxide support material, 5 together with hydrogen, at temperatures between 100 and 250°C.